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COLONEL KEVIN E. HARMS

Colonel Kevin E. Harms is Commander, C-130 Systems Group, Mobility Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for development upgrades, production and retrofit procurements for the C-130J and C-130E/H Avionics Modernization Program, involving more than 600 aircraft for the U.S. Air Force. His office is also responsible for managing C-130J derivative aircraft development upgrades and procurements for the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Forest Service.

Colonel Harms received his commission in 1980, as a distinguished graduate from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Harms served as Director of Systems Engineering Requirements at the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office in Arlington, Va.



EDUCATION:

1980 Bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, Pennsylvania State University, State College

1983 Master of science in aeronautical engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1980 Squadron Officer School (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1987 Master of business administration, major in finance, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

1992 Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1999 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2000 Master of science in strategic studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Executive Program Managers Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1980 – 1983, project officer, Peacekeeper Reentry Systems, Ballistic Missile Office, Norton AFB, Calif.
2. 1983 – 1984, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
3. 1985 – 1986, technical group manager, Advance Turbine Engine Gas Generator Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
4. 1986 – 1988, assistant branch chief, Propulsion, Wright Research Development Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
5. 1988 – 1989, assistant chief, Turbine Engine Division, Wright Research Development Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. 1989 – 1991, Aerospace Propulsion and Power Manager, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md.
7. 1991 – 1992, International Cooperative Research and Development Manager, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md.
8. 1992 – 1993, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. 1993 – 1996, Chief, F-22 Systems Engineering Branch, F-22 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. 1997 – 1998, Chief, F-22 Weapon System Planning Division, F-22 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
11. 1998 – 1999, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. 1999 – 2001, Deputy Director, Systems Engineering, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Arlington, Va.
13. 2001 – 2001, Director, Systems Engineering, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Arlington, Va.
14. 2001 – 2003, Director, Systems Engineering Requirements, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Arlington, Va.
15. 2003 - present, Director, C-130 Systems Group, Mobility Systems Wing, later, Commander, C-130 Systems Group, Mobility Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION:

Program Management – Level III
Science and Technology – Level I

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Aug. 25, 1980
First Lieutenant	Aug. 25, 1982
Captain	Aug. 25, 1984
Major	Sept. 1, 1992
Lieutenant Colonel	Oct. 1, 1997
Colonel	Jan. 1, 2003

(Current as of January 2005)